

PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Trevor Merry et al.

Serial No: 09/553,454

Filed: April 19, 2000

Confirmation No.: 3787

For: SYSTEM FOR IMAGE ENCODING AND DECODING
AND THE PRINTABLE SECURITY DEVICE
PRODUCED THEREFROM

Examiner: Ellen C. Tran

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully disagrees in part with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance as set forth in the communication mailed on May 26, 2005. The Applicant concurs with the Examiner's conclusion that the prior art does not suggest or render obvious the claimed invention.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention as set forth in each of the independent claims and the dependent claims must be read as a whole, and not as a single feature or subcombination of features which represent less than the entirety of the claimed invention as a whole. While a particular feature or subcombination of features referred to by the Examiner in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance may represent a basis for distinguishing the claimed invention over the prior art, Applicant submits that this may not necessarily be the *sole* ground for distinguishing the claimed invention over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the Examiner's statement should, in Applicants' view, not be read as constituting or meaning that the invention can or should be reduced to a single "feature" of the invention or to a subcombination of features that is less than the entire invention claimed as a whole, nor that the single feature referenced by the

Examiner or subcombination of features referenced by the Examiner in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is the only or sole grounds for distinguishing the invention over the prior art of record.

Dated this 22 day of July 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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- Transmittal of Issue Fee (2 pages) (in duplicate)
- PTO Form PTOL-85 transmitting payment of Issue Fee
- 5 sheets of formal drawings
- Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages)
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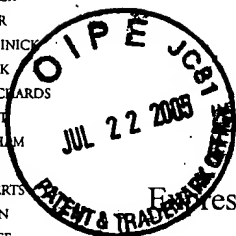
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated May 26, 2005, please find enclosed herewith the following items for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above identified patent application:

- ☒ Fee(s) Transmittal (PTOL-85) submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.
- ☐ A Supplemental Declaration executed by the inventor(s) is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.67.
- ☒ A Certificate of Express Mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 is enclosed.
- ☒ Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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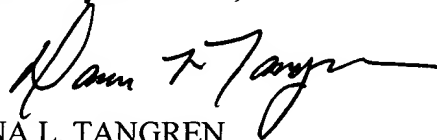
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- X Pursuant to the Notice of Draftspersons Patent Drawing Review dated May 9, 2005, enclosed please find five (5) sheets of formal replacement drawings containing Figures 1-5. Please replace the originally filed drawings with the enclosed replacement drawings. The replacement drawings have been amended to address the formal objections raised in the Notice of Draftspersons Patent Drawing Review.
- X Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$1,445.00 is enclosed to cover:
- X The \$1,400 government issue fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.
- X The \$45.00 fee for fifteen (15) copies of the patent when issued.
- X The Commission is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.
- X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 22nd day of July 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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